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ANNUAL REPORT OF BELMONT.

Wm. H. Shepard, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Belmont.

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To cash received of town,.....	\$2,837 82
Isaiah Maxfield, money hired for use of town,.....	350 00
Daniel H. Maxfield, money hired for use of town,...	962 92
Mary M. C. Ladd, " " " " ...	200 00
C. Shepard, " " " " ...	350 00
James M. Clark, " " " " ...	150 00
Eliza Dow, " " " " ...	100 00
John C. Pearsons, Collector for 1880,.....	428 59
" " " " " 1881,.....	7,292 69
Railroad Tax,.....	168 00
Savings Bank Tax,.....	1,332 97
Literary Fund,.....	83 85
John W. Wells, Collector for 1877,.....	8 56
" " " " 1878,.....	28 78
" " " " 1879,.....	98 17
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	\$14,392 35

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

J. W. Wells, Collector for 1876-77-78-79,.....	\$82 19
Solon F. Hill, services as Auditor,.....	6 00
Dudley W. Judkins, services as Selectman, from March 1st, to March 9th, 1881,.....	5 50
C. A. Hackett, Supervisor for 1881,.....	4 00
John C. Pearsons, Collector for 1880,.....	100 00
Calvin J. Sanborn, Selectman from March 1st, to March 8th, 1881,.....	2 50
Horace C. Woodward, services as Selectman.....	15 00

Horace C. Woodward, services as Selectman.....	10 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	15 00
Selden J. Gould, services as S. S. Committee,.....	25 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	25 00
Horace C. Woodward, services as Selectman,.....	18 00
“ “ “ balance services as Selectman	
March 1882,.....	14 00
E. C. Bean, services as Clerk.....	25 00
Wm. H. Shepard services as Treasurer.....	30 00
W. C. Wells, services as Clerk, from Feb. 24, to	
Mar. 8th, 1881,.....	2 50
I. Piper, services as Selectman including ex-	
penses in and out of town,.....	80 25
J. G. Cate, services and expenses as Selectman	
in and out of town, from March 1, 1881, to	
March 1, 1882,.....	103 60
J. W. Wells, collecting taxes 1877-8-9,.....	4 49
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	\$568 03

PAID NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

L. A. Garmon,.....	\$200 00
Frank P. Drew,.....	50 00
E. F. Judkins,.....	50 00
J. W. Wells, on T. Clark note,.....	50 00
Frank P. Drew,.....	155 35
Daniel H. Maxfield,.....	1,312 92
J. W. Wells, on T. Clark note.....	20 58
Edward H. Rice,.....	51 85
Georgia C. Hill,.....	215 70
Jennie M. Garmon,.....	25 00
N. F. Foster,.....	638 00
“ “ “	162 00
Isabell M. French, on Etta N. Bean note,.....	9 00
Walter C. Wells,.....	108 21
Josiah F. Heath,.....	50 00
David Sawyer,.....	500 00
M. A. Perkins,.....	15 00
E. G. Folsom,.....	500 00

Wm. A. Bucklin,.....	573 05
Treasurer Parsonage Fund,.....	13 50
Chas. O. Judkins,.....	107 92
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	\$4,808 08

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

A. James, aid for Mrs. Tuttle.....	\$3 60
H. P. Ladd, three weeks board of Michael Fitz- gerald,.....	6 00
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	\$9 60

PAID FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Simeon B. Knowles, winter of 1880-81.....	\$44 90
Enoch H. Thompson, to Mar. 1, 1881.....	13 70
Thomas Britton, " " 7, "	76 91
Radliff Brown, winter of 1880-81.....	29 00
Lucian Rowe, to Mar. 2, 1881.....	13 40
R. L. Farrar, winter of 1880-81.....	37 10
Dudley W. Judkins, " " ".....	4 40
Henry G. Prescott, winter of 1879-80-81.....	8 30
H. C. Woodward.....	41 64
Frank A. Randlett, winter of 1880-81.....	32 45
Chas. E. Heath, " " " ".....	9 20
Benjamin L. Plummer, " " " ".....	3 80
George W. Plummer, " " " ".....	4 27
Chas. W. Knowles, " " " ".....	50 93
Wm. Sanborn, " " " ".....	4 44
Thomas R. Cushing, " " " ".....	39 03
Chas. B. Gile, " " " ".....	27 22
Joseph Y. Weymouth, " " " ".....	38 78
A. D. Leighton, " " " ".....	41 50
Warren Lamprey, " " " ".....	34 21
L. W. Morrill, " " " ".....	35 16
John A. Ladd, " " " ".....	34 67
Moses O. Seavey, " " " ".....	3 68
J. E. P. Randlett, " " " ".....	74 85

Joseph M. Folsom, “ “ “ “	12 20
S. N. Jewett, “ “ “ “	23 86
Benjamin B. Lamprey, “ “ “	40 17
John Pulsifer, “ “ “ “	27 44
John T. Dudley, “ “ “ “	23 67
Chas. O. Bean, “ “ “ “	12 30
A. L. Bean, “ “ “ “	37 20
Simon B. Knowles, April 1881.....	10 00
George F. Gile, winter of 1880-81.....	33 48
D. H. Maxfield, “ “ “ “	23 12
T. L. Fuller, “ “ “ “	33 81
Thomas Britton, from Mar. 7 to Mar. 15, 1881.....	4 31
A. D. Leighton, labor and lumber.....	5 00
E. Gerry Ladd, winter of 1880-81.....	47 96
J. C. Wiggin, “ “ “ “	36 33
M. G. Glidden, summer of 1881.....	20 50
D. H. Maxfield, winter of 1880-81.....	3 05
B. J. Cate.....	7 50
Samuel N. Jewett, summer of 1881	9 56
Seldon J. Gould, spring of 1881.....	49 00
George E. Blaisdell, summer of 1881.....	46 07
Lucian Rowe, winter of 1881	34 93
Rufus F. Farrar, spring of 1881.....	5 00
H. C. Woodward, “ “ “	2 00
Wm. T. Batchelder, fall of 1880.....	7 50
“ “ “ winter of 1880-81.....	29 78
“ “ “ summer of 1881.....	52 06
Seldon J. Gould, to Sept. 2, 1881.....	15 00
R. G. Hoyt, summer of 1881.....	100 00
Alvah H. Prouty, to Sept. 1, 1881	54 50
J. M. Folsome, cash paid out and labor on bridge and abutment, summer of 1881	13 75
“ summer of 1881.....	28 20
“ labor on Edwards road, May and June, '81	5 60
Stephen Hadley, to Sept. 15.....	30 98
George W. Plummer, summer of 1881.....	52 00
M. G. Glidden, fall of 1881.....	11 80
Orrin W. Foster, summer of 1881.....	11 25
H. Abbott.....	7 50
B. W. Brown, lumber for bridge in 1880.....	71 61

G. W. Plummer, winter of 1881-82.....	9 30
“ putting up guide posts and labor 1 day.....	2 25
James N. Forrest.....	5 08
James G. Cate, labor, expense and lumber.....	22 77
S. F. Hill.....	4 50
B. J. Cate.....	8 12
H. C. Woodward.....	2 00
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	\$2,812 39

PAID ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abram Libby, error in tax of 1880.....	\$4 68
Chas. A. Twombly, “ “ “ 1881.....	57
John F. Bryant, abatement of tax in 1881.....	1 55
Cynthia P. Clay, over-tax in 1881.....	4 36
Sarah Howard, dog tax for 1881.....	1 00
John T. Dudley, “ “ “ “.....	1 00
Jedediah Kilburn, poll-tax.....	1 50
James Leonard, tax on money.....	7 50
J. T. Dudley, steer and dog lost.....	1 22
J. W. Wells, abatement of taxes in 1877.....	8 56
“ “ “ “ “ 1878.....	24 08
“ “ “ “ “ 1879.....	13 92
J. C. Pearsons, “ “ “ “ 1880.....	21 07
“ “ “ “ “ 1881.....	38 39
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	\$129 40

PAID DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

N. Chase, for lamb killed Oct. 1880.....	\$3 00
Wm. H. Shepard, damage to sheep by dogs, in 1880.....	9 00
C. A. Hackett, “ “ “ “ “ “ “.....	10 00
Moses A. Young, “ “ “ “ “ “ 1876.....	1 50
Chas. H. Norris, “ “ “ “ “ “ “.....	5 00
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	\$28 50

PAID CURRENT EXPENSES.

Truland Bros. printing town orders.....	\$1 75
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J. B. Sanborn, books and stationery.....	12 70
E. C. Eastman, blank books.....	2 80
Chas. E. Moody, damage to horse on bridge, in 1880.....	10 00
Frank A. Randlett, use of water tub, to Mar. 1881.....	3 00
Wm. A. Bucklin, certificates of births and deaths.....	4 50
Ira Mooney, boarding auditors in 1880-81.....	3 00
Joseph P. Dearborn, for lobby.....	75 00
James G. Cate, stove and funnel for lobby.....	5 00
Hazen Abbott, police services, to Apr. 1, '81.....	17 00
T. S. Foster, certificates of births and deaths.....	1 00
J. E. Maxfield, schedule for lobby, and trip to Tilton....	2 00
S. A. Merrill, recording births and deaths.....	1 00
Chas. O. Bean, bounty on hawk.....	20
G. C. Bryant, damage to sleigh in winter of '81.....	3 00
J. G. Cate, handcuffs for police.....	7 00
Lewis & Sanborn, printing town reports.....	34 50
F. S. Kilburn, damage to wagon in '80.....	2 50
Freeman D. Bickford, bounty on hawk.....	20
Green Chase, " " ".....	20
Arthur B. Willard " " ".....	20
Chas. S. Gilman, appropriation for Decoration Day.....	25 00
N. L. True, recording births and deaths.....	1 00
Thomas R. Cushing, police services to May 3, '81.....	18 00
Nathan Chase, bounty on hawk.....	20
E. Gerry Ladd, school-house tax, in district, No. 2.....	15 00
Lewis & Sanborn, printing collector's receipts.....	1 50
I. Piper, cash paid for safe.....	250 00
Alfred Danforth, bounty on hawk.....	20
Walter Nudd, " " ".....	20
E. M. Willard, " " ".....	20
R. G. Hoit, " " 4 hawks.....	80
D. W. Judkins, drawing bridge plank.....	3 00
I. Piper, cash paid for freight on safe.....	11 90
" " " " labor and expenses on lobby.....	94 78
" " " " drawing and setting up safe.....	4 31
E. P. Thompson, insurance premium on lobby.....	4 00
Elbert H. Woodward, bounty on hawk.....	20
Green Chase, " " 3 hawks.....	60
Eddie Farrar, " " 4 ".....	80

First installment of County tax.....	856 78
R. R. Gardner, police services, from June 1 to Sept. 22..	7 00
Fred J. Fox, bounty on crow	10
J. H. Fifield, " " hawk.....	20
George W. Riley, use of hall one year to date.....	30 00
F. H. Piper, bounty on crow.....	10
C. H. Thompson, " "	10
Prescott Hall, damage to horse in March,'81.....	24 00
Arthur Farrar, bounty on 2 crows.....	20
James P. Cilly, money raised by a vote of School District, No. 5, to defend said Dist. against S. F. Hill	75 00
J. O. Stevens, use water tub, '81.....	3 00
D. P. Webster, labor, drawing lobby.....	3 00
T. L. Fuller, bounty on 5 crows.....	50
G. F. Dalton, " " 1 crow.....	10
C. E. Smyth, " " 1 "	10
Samuel Bekford estate, use of water tub.....	3 00
Joseph Plumer, " " " "	3 00
Eben Tuttle, " " " "	3 00
The several School Districts	1,088 26
Last installment of County tax..	856 78
J. E. Maxfield, School District No. 6, money raised to insure school house.....	16 00
M. Kimball heirs, use watering tub, 2 years.....	6 00
State tax	1,140 00
E. C. Bean, book, blanks and postage.....	2 25
B. P. Simons, lumber and screws.....	5 55
I. Piper, money paid for postage and stamps.....	1 25
A. D. Leighton, use of water tub.....	2 50
J. G. Cate, labor and expenses on lobby, in June.....	55 85
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	\$4,801 86

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts.....	\$14,392 35
Paid Highways and bridges	\$2,812 39
Current expenses.....	4,801 86
Town officers.....	568 03
Abatement of taxes.....	129 40

Paid Notes against the town.....	4,808 08	
Support of poor.....	9 60	
Damage to sheep by dogs.....	28 50	
Cash on hand Mar. 1, 1882	1,234 49	
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WM. H. SHEPARD, Treasurer.

JAMES G. CATE,	}	Selectmen of Belmont.
ISAIAH PIPER,		
H. C. WOODWARD,		

The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them accurately cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of \$1,234.49 in the hands of the Treasurer.

J. F. SLEEPER,	}	Auditors.
ALBION A. LAMPREY,		

Belmont, N. H., Mar. 1, 1882.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

We find the town indebted for outstanding orders as follows, including principal and interest:

E. G. Heath.....	\$16 27	S. C. Hill.....	478 93
L. Foster.....	117 60	S. Piper.....	187 39
E. M. Bean.....	5 16	E. Dow.....	106 26
T. Clark.....	250 93	W. A. Bucklin.....	573 12
D. H. Maxfield.....	94 13	J. Matthews.....	222 91
S. Maxfield.....	346 61	L. M. Sweatt.....	320 07
J. Lane.....	744 31	M. H. Sweatt.....	375 65
H. F. Tucker.....	483 37	J. M. Folsom.....	572 75
J. Tucker.....	172 64	L. J. Dearborn.....	414 20
N. F. Foster.....	289 51	T. L. Bean.....	138 00
J. C. Cilley.....	494 08	N. Ellsworth.....	117 56
M. Kimball.....	248 01	J. M. Garmon.....	22 47
Lowell Sanborn.....	310 00	M. J. Fifield.....	165 07
“ “.....	404 25	L. A. Folsom.....	834 38
S. S. Fifield.....	677 05	W. M. Clark.....	571 66
A. M. Fifield.....	43 37	T. L. Bean.....	114 07
V. J. Fifield.....	161 66	N. A. Sanborn.....	48 26
N. S. Plumer.....	60 21	L. A. Sanborn.....	81 48
J. Plumer.....	491 58	M. S. York.....	60 08
L. Plumer.....	205 72	H. J. Clough.....	93 80
J. F. Heath.....	294 53	Parsonage Fund....	224 97
F. M. Heath.....	384 32	S. W. Knowles.....	111 03
H. B. Heath.....	208 00	M. M. C. Ladd.....	33 31
C. J. Gross.....	645 92	E. F. Judkins.....	113 73
H. Wadleigh.....	154 40	M. A. Perkins.....	143 31
C. Mooney.....	344 47	H. J. Clough.....	142 97
L. A. Willard.....	430 40	First F. B. Society..	211 80
A. Dicey.....	265 83	I. Maxfield.....	360 13
S. Page.....	257 50	E. Dow.....	101 66
C. W. Hackett.....	116 04	M. M. C. Ladd.....	203 32
L. Kimball.....	97 87	O. G. Rogers.....	15 50

John Adams.....	20 00	S. Piper.....	105 90
N. D. Garmon.....	3 00	D. H. Maxfield.....	1,009 94
J. B. Matthews.....	3 75	J. M. Clark.....	152 53
M. Kimball.....	88 64	C. Shepard.....	355 83
D. D. Maxfield.....	166 51	E. G. Folsom.....	766 88
S. Maxfield.....	77 72	W. T. Batchelder...	16 44
C. J. Gross.....	286 70	M. K. Smith.....	3 00
D. Sawyer.....	765 24	A. Jones.....	13 98
School Dis. No. 11...	20 97		
E. H. Fuller.....	132 45		
D. A. Sargent.....	211 82		
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			\$20,176 88

CLAIMS DUE THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	\$1,234 49
“ “ “ “ C. B. Gile, collector for 1873.....	78 17
“ “ “ “ C. H. Rowe, “ “ 1872.....	1 80
“ “ “ “ J. W. Wells, “ “ 1877.....	1 22
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1878.....	2 64
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1879.....	66 33
“ “ “ “ J. C. Pearsons “ “ 1880.....	82 93
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1881.....	357 38
Due on L. B. Fellows' Note.....	32 43
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	\$1,857 39

Indebtedness of town above means \$18,319 49

JAMES G. CATE, } Selectmen
 ISAIAH PIPER, } of
 H. C. WOODWARD, } Belmont.

Belmont, N. H., Mar. 1, 1882.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the inhabitants of Belmont, N. H., the following school report is respectfully submitted.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The summer, autumn, and winter terms were all taught by Miss Emma M. Severance of Lynn, Mass. This was Miss Severance's first experience in teaching, and she was very successful. Each successive term was a continual improvement. Good, better, best, are appropriate words for the terms in their order. Miss Severance is a very good scholar, and a young lady worthy of very high respect from all.

As the Queen of Sheba said to Solomon, of those around him, so we would say to this teacher, happy are your friends in all this district, and town; happy are these your scholars, who stand continually before you, and hear your gentle and loving words of wisdom; happy are all who shall follow your quiet example; happy are you in the possession of such a school, in such a peaceful district. The order found in this district, was excellent; and we believe that the parents, as well as teacher and scholars, contributed much to its observance. The work performed in all branches studied, during the year, was very thorough and satisfactory.

We read of Cadace, Queen of the Ethiopians; but we believe that we have found Candace, queen of the mathematicians of Belmont, considering her age, of only six summers, in the person of Candace P. Ladd, of Dis. No. 1. May this district and this teacher ever be successful and happy.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The school for the year, in this district, was included in one term of fourteen weeks, during the autumn. This term was taught by Miss Ellen C. Bean of Sanbornton. In this district was found the only instance, for the year, of beginning a term of school, without applying for a certificate, or even sending notice of the term until after it had begun. We can say but very little in regard

to the progress of the whole term. We hope that some success attended all good efforts which were made by teacher and scholars.

We knew nothing of this school until it had commenced, but visited it as soon as we could, after learning of its commencement. We found quite good order, and a fair attention to study. We did feel that more respect and love, with less fear for the teacher, would bring about a happier state of affairs, and produce results much more satisfactory. We trust that all law-abiding citizens, in every district, will forever discountenance the neglect under which this term began.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The summer term was taught by Miss Laura E. Randlett of Belmont. The school was very small, but the work done was very good in quality, if not great in quantity. We were very agreeably surprised and entertained by the closing exercises. We had scarcely anticipated so many and such interesting exercises, from six scholars, all of whom are quite young. We consider this a successful term.

The autumn term was under the instruction and care of Miss Etta J. Woodward of Sanbornton. Miss Woodward is an experienced, and we believe, a successful teacher. All of her little group of six scholars did very well indeed. This term was a success.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The summer term was taught by Miss Louise A. Eaton of Belmont. Miss Eaton's success as a teacher, is known in Belmont, better than any language of mine can set it forth; yet it may not be entirely inappropriate for me to speak in her praise. We believe that her careful and very thorough methods of teaching, and her mild, yet very decided discipline, are worthy of very high commendation.

The autumn term began under the instruction of the same faithful and experienced teacher. A certain carelessness on the part of several large boys, at first annoyed, and at last aroused our veteran of more than fifty terms. She was found competent, however, for this little rebellion, and peace was soon restored. Scarcely had her mind found perfect quiet and rest, when the illness of her mother caused a suspension of the school. We believe that deep and sincere sympathy was extended by all, to Miss Eaton, during the illness and death of her mother; but to avoid uncer-

tain delay, another teacher was employed to finish the term. Mr. George H. Ingalls of Canterbury, taught the remaining month of the term. The spirit of rebellion, which had been lying like a slumbering volcano, broke forth anew, with redoubled force, crushing the teacher's chair in its almost relentless career, and filling the entrance with its accumulated debris. Our young friend, the teacher, stood, manfully stemming this rushing tide, and demanding satisfaction for its ravages, with a plain and determined promise to ask help from proper authority, to bar its pathway by an insurmountable wall. if its devastating influences were not quickly restrained. Several with spirits kindred in evil, restrained themselves by remaining absent. We believe that a fair degree of order was thenceforth preserved; and that some improvement was made in the studies pursued. We would commend the teacher for his perseverance and final success.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Grammar School. The summer and autumn terms were taught by Miss Barbara A. Mitchell of New Brunswick. The summer term continued three weeks, and then closed, because of many cases of measles, causing very many absences. The school was quite satisfactory, notwithstanding these very unpleasant interruptions.

The autumn term continued ten weeks. Miss Mitchell is a student fresh from N. B. Normal school, and a very systematic teacher. She labored under some difficulty, as her methods were new to her pupils; but we believe that much credit is due for her untiring efforts, and for a good degree of success realized.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Selden J. Gould of Belmont. As some doubt was entertained with regard to the wisdom of this enterprise, your Superintendent availed himself of the opportunity offered, to visit this school during its first day. Finding himself very cordially welcomed, and very agreeably entertained by the students of said school, he repeated his visits, from day to day, for the space of about two months, and then, not wishing to be hasty in severing so pleasant relations as were found existing between the parents and pupils of said district, and himself, he was persuaded, without much reluctance on his part, to remain another month, for a term of instruction, secured by private subscription. These months of pleasant association in the school room,

were followed by appropriate closing exercises, under the name of a school exhibition, at the hall of Geo. Riley of Belmont. One incident which occurred during the term, seems worthy of particular mention. One Monday morning, finding ourselves with a very lame horse, we made an effort to find another; failing in this, we started late for our school. On arriving, about 9:30 o'clock, we found that the school had been opened, the scripture read, the Lord's prayer repeated, and a hymn sung, by the students, with one of their number for a leader. We would express many thanks, in behalf of the teacher, to parents and pupils, for many kindnesses, and especially for a nice volume of poems, presented by members of the school.

Primary school. The summer, autumn and winter terms were taught by M. Winnie Judkins of Belmont. The summer term suffered from interruptions made by sickness, similar to those mentioned in the Grammar school. The autumn term of ten weeks, and the winter term of seven weeks, were well attended, and we believe very successfully carried through. We were much pleased with the examination at the close of the fall term. As we taught in the same building during the winter, we knew the daily record of the winter school. Miss Judkins is a student of this district, and reflects much credit upon those who have been her teachers. She has a method of drawing around herself, a group of little children, and awakening, and sustaining in them, an excellent interest in all good work belonging to the school. We thought it wise to introduce writing in every class of this school, Miss Judkins triumphed over all doubts entertained, and led the little ones to success in this branch of study. Much credit is due for her persevering efforts, and good success.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The summer term was taught by Mr. William T. Morse of Chester. Mr. Morse taught two terms in this district last year, giving very good satisfaction; and we believe that all were equally well pleased with his efforts during the summer.

The autumn term was begun by the same teacher; but failing health obliged him to return home. All in the district seemed very much disappointed, and were unwilling to take any one instead of Mr. Morse. Under these difficult circumstances, Miss Emma M. Britton of Belmont, came to finish the term. Miss

Miss Britton found some difficulty in living, but she placed much reliance on her own strength, and we believe that she succeeded in overcoming this difficulty in a good degree, and in making some progress in instruction during this short time. We consider Miss Britton the most thorough and advanced scholar that we have found attending school in the town. **DISTRICT No. 8.** The school in this district for the year was included in one term, beginning in autumn, and continuing eighteen weeks, with only a short week for rest. Miss Ida M. May, of Canton, was the teacher of this long term. This school has been reported as rather difficult in former times, but we believe that love and respect for the teacher of this term, made all her scholars feel that to please her by cheerfully obeying the rules of school, and earnestly endeavoring to perform all tasks assigned, would be a pleasant privilege, as well as an imperative duty. It is very seldom, indeed, that a lasting interest continues unabated for eighteen weeks of school without rest. We believe that good order and good advancement continued to the close.

DISTRICT No. 8. The summer term was taught by Miss S. Angie French of Canterbury. We think that Miss French entertained some doubts and fears for the first few weeks; but she at length triumphed over these, and succeeded beyond her own hopes. A fair degree of order prevailed, and quite good progress was made in the course of study. At the close of the term, the school-room was tastefully adorned, and the examination and literary exercises were quite satisfactory.

The autumn term was taught by Mr. Selden J. Gould of Belmont. As this district had not always received the highest commendation, our Superintendent thought it might be well to be present during the first thirty days. He continued his vigilance forty days and nights, with a personal pleasure, and great satisfaction to all good.

DISTRICT No. 9. The summer term was taught by Miss Jessie M. Wadsworth of Hiram. This term consisted of about five weeks, completed in about the time of four weeks. Miss Wadsworth is a very thorough scholar, and, although this was her first effort as a teacher, she

lieve that she began very well indeed; but we think that perhaps she trusted too much to her scholars to govern themselves, while she was engaged with recitations. The result was, that certain ones whom we choose to designate as eye-servants, chose to govern themselves outside of the schoolhouse, and for this purpose they effected an egress through the window without permission. The offenders were called to an account and punished, but Liberty once obtained is scarce restrained; and "Young America" triumphed at last, and all but about three were numbered as truants at the final examination. This was a sad affair in the district, only second in town, in its number of scholars. However, we believe that Miss Waterman will become a successful teacher.

The winter term was taught by Miss Dora E. Lee, of Laconia. Miss Lee has taught in this district before, and she entered upon her work at this time, knowing that some old prejudice existed, and also that some dissatisfaction was felt at the present state of affairs. Quite a number openly declared that she should have no support from them; but several became quite favorable, and patronized the school at last. A few remained unmovable, until the close; and one attended school in an adjoining district. In this state of affairs, upon not so much from what the Prudential Committee himself did, as from the efforts of others to perform this work. Notwithstanding all these circumstances, we believe that Miss Lee succeeded in doing quite an amount of school work, in a manner that showed perseverance, and resulted in some degree of profit, or benevolence, even if it did not result in more.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The school in this district, for the year, was all included in the winter term of about three months, and was under the instruction of Miss Laura E. Randlett, of Belmont. It was supposed that this would be one of the smallest schools in town during the year; but several came into the district, making a school which numbered twenty in all, with quite a good average. Miss Randlett found much more work to do than we at first expected; but we think that she succeeded in gaining the good will of parents and scholars quite generally; and gave a fair degree of satisfaction. In some matters pertaining to the interests of the school, perhaps she was, to say the least, a little indiscreet; but we think that a fair amount of improvement was made in the school.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

The summer and autumn terms were under the care of Miss Frances M. Heath, of Belmont. We expected but one or two scholars here during the year; but several came in during the summer term, making eight in all. We believe that good instruction was given and that it was received with profit by all who attended.

The autumn term had one native, one visiting, and one borrowed scholar, making three in all. All did very nicely indeed, and reflected much credit on their veteran teacher, who seems quite unwilling to abandon the school-room, as long as one scholar can be found. We would give Miss Heath and her little band, very high commendation.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

There was but one term, of about ten weeks, in this district during the year. This was a winter term, taught by Mrs. Joseph Badger, of Belmont. As the school-house in this district is somewhat like Noah's ark when it was no longer seaworthy, Mrs. Badger taught the school at her own home, and this arrangement was quite convenient and satisfactory, as the school was all in the family, consisting of one son and a little daughter of three years and ten months. We enjoyed our visits at this place very much, and we believe that the school was a good one, and that all the scholars did very well indeed.

We know that we have spoken plainly in some instances; and if we have not in all, it has not been an error of the heart, but simply an omission for want of facts. We have endeavored to ascribe praise where it belonged, and not to avoid the responsibility of passing censure, where the oath of office and the voice of duty plainly demanded this to be done. We may have carried both of these efforts too far to please some, and not far enough to please others. If we could possibly reach the golden mean between these extremes, perhaps we should find the terms ready to change with the next breeze. Knowing something of the transitions of human opinions, we have endeavored to follow the dictates of conscience in the pathway of duty.

Perhaps it may not be wholly inappropriate for me to offer a few suggestions. First.—We would suggest that more money is absolutely needed in every school district in town. We are well aware of the answer to this statement; and by way of anticipation, we

would reply that perhaps there is more money now than is used advantageously; but this is not a logical, and certainly not a reasonable objection. If a farmer should waste all of his provisions for his family, and all of his supplies for his animals, this would never prove that he had too much, or even enough. Indeed, it would prove nothing at all, except careless waste. In like manner, the fact that some of our school money has been carelessly wasted, or even worse than wasted, produces no evidence whatever that we have too much, or even enough. We do sincerely believe that more money could profitably be used, and that we, as accountable beings, are in duty bound to raise more, and to do all in our power to cause the same to be judiciously expended, for the mental and moral improvement of all our children. Secondly. — If, with prophetic glance, we could sweep over the field of the future, and know that the smallest schools in town would very long remain so small as they now are, we would suggest the propriety of uniting two or more districts in one, in several localities in our town. Having seen some schools changed from a very large number to a small one, and others from a very small to a large number in a short time, we feel that it is quite difficult to advise wisely in regard to a change; therefore we would advise that the matter be carefully and continually under the consideration of all interested parties, and that they should make changes whenever their good judgement requires the same. We have made such changes in text-books, as we have felt that duty demanded, and opportunity offered. We have put in books which cost much less money than those used formerly, and with no cost whatever, except the old books, which have, in every instance, paid in full. We trust that we have introduced better books than those exchanged for them.

We have endeavored to discharge our duties faithfully and impartially. We would express our gratitude to all with whom our official duties have called us to meet, for the many favors which they have kindly offered.

SELDEN J. GOULD, Supt. of Schools.

Belmont, N. H., March 1. 1882.

Statistical Report of the Schools.

No. of District.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Term.	Length of Term.	No. of Scholars.	Average Number.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. Daily Attendance.	No. on Roll of Honor.	No. not in School.	Teacher's Wages per Month.
1	Emma M. Severance.....	1	10	13	13	12	.925	3		\$14.00
	“ “	2	10	11	11	10	.909	4		16.00
	“ “	3	6	11	11	9	.818	5		16.00
2	Ellen C. Bean.....	1	14	16	16	15	.937	1		20.00
3	Laura E. Randlett.....	1	8	6	5 5-8	4 13-16	.895	1		17.00
	Etta J. Woodward.....	2	12	6	5 3-8	5 7.30	.973	0		20.00
4	Louise A. Eaton.....	1	6	9	9	9	1	2		20.00
	“ “	2	3	11	11	11	1	6		22 00
	George H. Ingalls.....	3	5	10	9	8 .36	.928	1		22.00
	Grammar School.									
5	Barbara A. Mitchell.....	1	12.8	31	26	22	.846	6		26.00
	Selden J. Gould.....	2	8	31	30	28	.933	10		30.00
	Primary School.									
	M. Winnie Judkins.....	1	12.6	38	27	23	.851	0		20.00
	“ “	2	7	25	24	21	.875	2		20.00
6	William T. Morse.....	1	6	8	8	7	.875	1	2	20.00
	“ “	2	2.5	7	7	6	.857	0	2	22.00
	Emma M. Britton.....	3	5	7	6	5	.833	1	2	22.00
7	Idella May Drew.....	1	18	19	16	13	.812	0		16.00
8	S. Angie French.....	1	9	8	7 41-45	7 1-7	.884	1		20.00
	Selden J. Gould.....	2	8	7	7	6	.857	4		20.00
9	Jessie L. Waterman.....	1	5	17	15 1-3	13 1-4	.865	2		10.00
	Dora E. Lee.....	2	9	16	15 9-20	13 .4	.866	0		22.00
10	Laura E. Randlett.....	1	11.6	12	11	10 .5	.95	3		20.00
11	Frances M. Heath.....	1	6	8	4	4	1	1		14.00
	“ “	2	9	3	2	2	1	1		14.00
12	Mrs. Joseph Badger.....	1	10	2	2	2	1	2		13.50





